

HOUSE RESOLUTION 263
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Frances Barker for her meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should pause to honor those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as estimable public servants dedicated to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary citizen is Frances Barker, who was recently honored by the Rockwood Care and Rehabilitation Center for her volunteerism and community service; and

WHEREAS, as a young mother, Ms. Barker worked as a volunteer kindergarten aide and taught Sunday school classes at her church for many years; and

WHEREAS, committed to this Nation's youth, Frances Barker served as a Cub Scout Den Mother, a Brownie Scout Leader, and a youth group leader at her church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barker donated her time to Meals on Wheels until she was in her late eighties, a testament to her commitment to helping others; and

WHEREAS, donating her time and many talents to numerous church and community service organizations and activities, Frances Barker has evinced her commitment to helping her fellow citizens throughout her estimable life; and

WHEREAS, Frances Barker enjoys music, painting, and traveling; she is an accomplished pianist and organist and, at age seventy-five, she took up oil painting and later china painting; her paintings have been displayed in Kingston, Rockwood, Knoxville, Gatlinburg, and Pigeon Forge, a fitting recognition of her ability and talent as a painter; and

WHEREAS, a seasoned traveler, Ms. Barker has made visits to Europe and the Holy Lands during her retirement; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Ms. Barker is most proud of being a Tennessean and of living to 100 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barker epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to service that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate Ms. Frances Barker upon being honored by the Rockwood Care and Rehabilitation Center, commend her for her meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee, and wish her every happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.